MR. L. C. HODGSON (*Director of Public Instruction*) : It is more than an analogy. He wants the equalising the pay of the Professors of the College, and wants me to take that into consideration.

MR. T. K. VELU PILLAI (*Trivandrum* cum *Nedumangad*): Not that, though that is also equally urgent. My point is this: Mr. Hodgson observes that *Tarka* and *Vyakarana* stand on the same footing, and I say that Sanskrit and English stand on the same footing also. Now, there is a kind of parsimony which always weighs with the Director of Public Instruction and the Government in considering the claims of Sanskrit. We hear so much said about Indian culture. I do not know how Indian culture can be encouraged in a State like Travancore where an enlightened line of Maha Rajas who have done much for Sanskrit and the vernaculars, if in premier institutions like our College there should be this difference in the treatment of English and Sanskrit.

PRESIDENT: This question does not arise. I am afraid what you say is not relevant to the point before the House.

MR. T. K. VELU PILLAI (*Trivandrum* cum *Nedumangad*): I quite see the point. What I say is that our action is to be guided by certain principles. The question is whether it is logical.

PRESIDENT: Do you support the motion?

MR. T. K. VELU PILLAI (*Trivandrum* cum *Nedumangad*): Perfectly so. I strengthen the logic by similar circumstances. I do not want to say anything more on the subject. I am glad to find that the Director's attention has been directed by the condition of this unfortunate Sanskrit Pandit who gets less pay in the self-same institution than others who do the same kind of work.

MR. L. C. HODGSON *(Director of Public Instruction)*: I do not think I need say anything more in regard to the subject. I trust that all the members will support this motion and that they will agree with me in thinking that manual training is an exceedingly valuable adjunct to general education. I am sure that I shall have the support of those members of this House who are members of the University Committee who, when we were holding our meetings at the Training College, visited Mr. Green's room and saw for themselves the kind of work he is doing. I only wish that all the other members of this House had seen what Mr. Green has been doing there; for then I am sure this motion would be carried unanimously.

PRESIDENT: May I take it that this motion is accepted by the House.

The motion was put and carried.

The grant was made.

DEMAND XIII—AGRICULTURE.

MR. K. PARAMESVARAN PILLAI (*Ag. Director of Agriculture and Fisheries*): Sir, I beg to move for a grant not exceeding Rs. 581

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[Mr. I. C. Chacko.]

on account of the transfer of the apicultural branch of the Department of Industries to the Department of Agriculture. The amount required can be provided by diversion from Demand XIV to Demand XIII. In the last budget meeting of the Council, two non-official members pointed out that apiculture is more allied to agriculture than to industries. The Director of Industries also expressed the same opinion. So, the Government have transferred the apicultural section from the Department of Industries to the Department of Agriculture. What is now wanted is only a diversion of funds provided in the budget for the Industrial Department to the budget of the Agricultural Department.

PRESIDENT: May I take it that the House accepts the motion?

The motion was put and carried.

The grant was made.

DEMAND XIV.—INDUSTRIES.

MR. I. C. CHACKO (*Director of Industries*): Sir, I beg to move for a grant not exceeding Rs. 15,000 under Demand XIV for the purchase of a power-driven drill for deep boring. The provision for this is necessitated by various circumstances. Some time ago the Director of Agriculture recommended to the Government that steps should be taken for cultivating the arid lands that lie near the Aramboly Pass. The geologist of the Industrial Department was deputed to make a special survey of the tract with a view to find out the possibilities of working the lands with underground water. The Aramboly tract consists of crystalline rocks and it is not possible to predict from a mere superficial survey whether underground water can be had in abundance. It is possible that we may discover water-bearing fissures and it has to be ascertained by actual boring if such fissures do exist there. The Director of Agriculture has said that, if water can be supplied, those lands can be utilised for growing fruit trees and vegetables and various other crops.

MR. M. R. MADHAVA VARIAR (*Chengannur* cum *Pattanamtitta*): May I know the extent of land available there for cultivation?

MR. I. C. CHACKO (*Director of Industries*): The extent on the northern side of the road from the Aramboly chowkey to the frontier, where irrigation is most wanted is, I understand, from the geologist's report, about one and a half square miles.

MR. A. HOOGEWERF (*Nominated*): Was the survey suggested by the Director of Agriculture?

PRESIDENT: He did not suggest any survey.

MR. I. C. CHACKO (*Director of Industries*): At the last budget session there was a suggestion from the other side of the House that boring experiments should be conducted near Alleppey for ascertaining whether there are petroleum reservoirs at that place. For that purpose also a drill will be very useful. Recently we sent

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